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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,6,8-10,12,14,16 and 41-44.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☒ None of the:
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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claim is allowable because the prior art fails to teach the step of brazing a first end of the blade made of second material in each of the cutting blade channels while an opposite second end of the blade is left free-floating, and wherein the blade has length such that the majority of the length extends beyond the outer periphery of a cutting blade holder as set forth in claims 1 and 9.

Hoshi teaches the step of: selecting a substantially circular cutting blade holder 31 (see Fig. 15) made of a first material having two spaced apart faces (spaced by the width of the blade holder), inserting a piece of a second material (61 and 61a), the piece of second material having sufficient height to extend at least one edge of the cutting blade beyond the plane defined by at least one face one face (Fig. 16), the second material is sharpened before inserting them into each channel (Fig. 2) and the first material made of carbon steel(col. 1, line 24). Also, Fuchs et al. teaches the use of a first eccentric shaft 10, a pushing member 21, a lifting member 24, a sleeve bearing 26, a spring (see Fig. 1) and an angle of 180° (see Fig. 2), rather than an obtuse angle. The combination of Michaelson and Fuchs et al. fails to teach the angle formed between lines through a central axis of the first eccentric shaft, a central axis of the driving gear and a central axis of the second eccentric shaft is obtuse, wherein the lines lie in a plane which is perpendicular to the first eccentric shaft as set forth in claim 1.

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